AT THE LOCAL PLAYHOUSES MLLE. DE SMERNOFF'S

MRS. FISKE AS LEAH KLESCHNA

Receives Excellent Support "The College Widow" At- Her New Play Revels in in Strong Play.

"Leah Kleschna" is easily the best "Leah Kleschna" is easily the best play Washington has seen this season, and it has been many seasons since such a play has been acted in this city by a company in the same class with that supporting Mrs. Fiske at the Belasco Theater. It is no lack of genuine appreciation for the star of the performance that causes one to realize that were she out of the cast the drama would still hold you in its grip. Every important character is intrusted to an analysis of the play that will force you to sit up and take notice. The whole interest of the drama centers in the third act, and the third act deals with a staged and as well acted as was the case when it was first produced in Washington, and made as good an impression.

As a picture of college life, the play

an exceptionally strong mind against the almost overpowering influence of crime. Leah Kleschna's father is a burglar with a genuine pride of profession. He is a man of splendid physical courage—a domineering tyrant, who can only be unnerved by danger that threatens—not him, but the daughter he adores. To him life is a game in which the men who amass fortunes legally are contemptible in their hypocrisy. He classes himself a "fancy" worker—honest in his dishonesty. Amid such surroundings and influenced by such a distorted viewpoint, the motherless girl approaches womanhood.

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But one thing marred last night's performance. The usual holiday audience was in evidence and was made up in part of persons who should be legally barred from entering a theater where formance. The usual holiday audience was in evidence and was made up in part of persons who should be legally barred from entering a theater where anything but burlesque is given. At moments when the olay had reached its most dramatic situations, many in the doubt occasion for amusement is the company of the c

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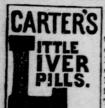
eryday Life," which included two acts, provoked many laughs by the unique situations presented. The specialties, which were unusually few and presented late in the performance, were applauded generously.

Convention Hall—Indoor Hippodrome.

The hippodrome gave its first Washington performances yesterday afternoon and last night in Convention Hall. Gertrude Breton and the Orioff troupe easily

dians, gave an amusing dialogue. Other interesting acts on the bill were Asza, a clever billiard expert; Frank C. Young and Kathleen De Voie, in a dance spe-clatty, and the American vitagraph pic-tures.

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of Farmer Day. Incidentally he falls in love with his daughter Rose, who is secretly married to Ralph Car. . . formerly a comrade of Livingstor. With threats of exposure, the latter induces Carlton to help him rob the prosperous farmer. Bunco is the thorn in the side of the villians.

The character of Livingston is ably presented by John T. Nicholson, whae J. L. Conner does well as Carlton. The best character acting is done by Eva Benton is Mother Targar. All of the other members of the company are unusually good.

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CHASE'S.

Sydney Deane and Company Feature of the Bill.

A series of notably interesting vaude-ville acts comprises the Christmas bill at Chase's, which was played before two large audiences yesterday. Musical numbers, dance specialties and the ever-popular one-act play are some of the features of the bill.

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Soothe the throat and stop a hack-ring cough. A safe and simple remedy, and Mr. Coote and his assisting players enacted it well.

A comedy acrobatic pantomime called "The Elopement" served to allow the Zazell and Vernon Comedy Company sood opportunity for novel work in this dians, gave an amusing dialogue, Other interesting acts on the bill were Asza, a cleyer billiard expert; Frank C. Young land, a cleye billiard expert; Frank C. Young a cleye billiard expert; Frank C. Young land, a cl





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BLANCHE WALSH AT THE NATIONAL

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The play is exceptionally well acted, vorite ran third. Blanche Walsh does her part well, but her work is overshadweed by that of Frank Sheridan as Mr.
Thompson, the lawyer, and Dorothy
Dorr as Claire Foster, the woman in the
case. Mr. Sheridan is easily the best of
good company, and his clever acting
received the best part of the applause
at the National yesterday.
Dorothy Dorr is excellent throughout,
and in the third act her realism is
enough to send a shudder down one's
back. The entire cast is more than satisfactory.

Presented. A big Christmas crowd, which filled RESCUE PRISONER, FLEE TO MOUNTAINS

Workmen Take Him From Policemen and Say They Will Never Give Him Up.

OWINGSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.-Reports from Wayne county state that a policeman arrested a foreman of a policeman arrested a foreman of a mountain railway camp on a charge of larceny, and fifty workmen rushed on him and forced him to surrender his captive. The policeman telephoned for re-enforcements, and when these arrived the workmen fled into the mountains, taking the foreman with them. They are strongly armed and say they will not give up their comrade. Extra details of police have gone to the scene and a fight is expected. The fugitives have been firing scattering shots from the woods all day, but none have taken effect.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 26.-Congressman Palmer said today he did not

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MISSION OF CHARITY

Sets Sail for Russia, Where She Hopes to Help Alleviate Turns Down "Tom" Shevlin, Yale Footthe Condition of Her People-Was Big Favorite in Washington.

In compliance with the wish of her her surroundings were American she was prominent here for several seasons father's country. in society circles, will devote the re-mainder of her life to the work of alleviating the suffering among her own

Her mission of good began in September, when she left this country to comher labors in her native land. Up to the time of her departure she had been prominent in the charity workings of both this city and New York, and her scores of friends were not surprised when she announced that she would de-vote the remainder of her life to the uplifting of her people.

Left an Orphan.

Her father, who died shortly after her birth, was a secretary of the Russian legation in Brazil, while her mother was Miss Blow, of St. Louis. She also died a few years later, leaving Mile. young womanhood, but although all of spring for the Red Cross.

father Mile. Nelka de Smernoff, who clung to the customs and faith of her

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Thus, she espoused the religion of the Greek Church, and much of her work in charity she directed toward the aid of the suffering in Russia.

When the war between Russia and Japan opened she turned her attention to the work of trained nursing, with an idea that she might go to the front. The war, however, closed before she finished her course, but the idea remained, and when conditions in Russia were such as promised prevalence of starvation and illness she set sail for St. Petersburg.

Favorite in Washington.

By her friends she is said to be young woman unusually attractive in appearance and vivacious in manner, and for many years was a favorite in Washington society. As an amateu actress she appeared frequently in the atricals for charitable purposes given Smernoff, an orphan, to the care of relatives in Washington. Here she grew to in a French drama performed here las

REFORMED BY LOVE OF A PRETTY GIRL

John Smith Served Term For Burglary and Is Now a Stationary Engineer-Gives Sweetheart His Picture Taken From Rogues' Gallery.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26 .- John mas, but I ain't got no picture for it Smith, who, after serving a term for My work is at night, and I haven't had burglary, reformed through the love of time to get my picture taken. Now, a pretty girl, and is now a stationary engineer, called on George Koestle, superintendent identification bureau at the central police station today and said:

"I've got the girl a locket for Christ-"

The wedding takes place a month hence.

EVELYN THAW'S PHOTO ON BUTCHER'S SIGN

Calendars Bearing Artist Model's Picture Are Purchased By Her Mama-Very Embarrassing to Woman Who Would Get Into Society.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Just at a time when you are making a strenuous effort to get into society, it is yeary embarrassing to have your picture. At first the butchers were obstinate, but the price offered was so large that no shrewd business man could refuse. Mrs. Thaw threatens to sue the firm. very embarrassing to have your picture, appear on a butcher's advertise-ment. This untoward circumstance has befallen Mrs. Harry Kendall Thaw,

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city.

Mrs. Sherley said that her daught engagement to Mr. Shevlin was brobecause of her youth, but on this sub Miss Sherley seems to have other via Miss Sherley seems to have other views
"The engagement was broken-well,
will not tell just what the reason
were," said Miss Sherley. "They are
reasons of my own, and that settles it.
"I am not sure that Mr. Shevlin
knows all my reasons, but I do and do
not care to say anything further about
it. My mother did, and now does, object to my getting married because I
am young, but that would not stop me
if I wanted to get married. If I were
but fourteen and loved a man I would
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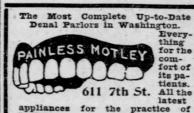
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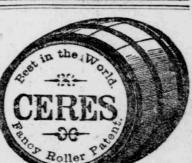
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